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Death of J. B. Holbrook

With a bullet hole through the breast, the body of James B. Holbrook, the financier and real estate dealer, was found at 9 A. M. Monday in a dressing-room in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. Deputy Coroner Goetsch, who investigated, reported that death was either the result of accidental discharge of a revolver found in Mr. Holbrook's overcoat pocket, or a case of suicide. Mr. Holbrook, who lived at the Highland Court apartments, 711 Glisan street, had gone to the club to take a shower bath. His body was found in a dressing-room adjacent to the baths.

The revolver with which he had been killed was in one of the pockets of his overcoat, which hung on the wall beside a dressing mirror. The weapon had been fired through a hole in the pocket. Mr. Holbrook was fully dressed when he was shot. The coroner said he had not learned of a possible motive for suicide, but that he considered it improbable, from the course of the bullet, that the shooting was accidental. The bullet, entering the breast near the heart, had ranged downward, while it is said, if the overcoat had been hanging loosely on the wall the revolver would have been below the level of the heart.

Mr. Holbrook was 45 years old. He came to Portland about 14 years ago and since that time had taken a prominent part in placing suburban tracts on the market and in financing real estate deals.

At the time of his death Mr. Holbrook was president of the St. Johns Land company, and secretary-treasurer of the Holbrook Investment company. He is said to have been heavily interested in the Empire Investment company in the Board of Trade building. Formerly he was president and vice-president of the First Trust and Savings bank at St. Johns.

Mr. Holbrook was born in Marengo, Ia. He came west in 1893 and settled in Chehalis, Wash. Sixteen years ago he married Miss Hallie Ormsby at Sedro-Wooley, Wash. He is survived by his widow and one child, Elizabeth, 14 years old, beside a brother, M. L. Holbrook, —Oregonian.

Never More Fragrant

By Fred C. Schnuelle, a former resident of the Rose City.

Sweet, beautiful roses of Portland, Perfection seems surely their share.

I never found roses more fragrant, More fully developed than these.

They grow so remarkably pretty, In color so rich and so fair. There's hardly a home in the city Without precious roses in care.

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Fair maidens and happy, young bridegrooms For weddings the roses fondly glean.

And when the Creator is calling Some pilgrims to heavenly rest,

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Mr. Taft in St. Johns

William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States and now president of the League to Enforce Peace, on which mission he came to the city Monday, helped launch the 3500-ton wood hull Aculeo at 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the St. Johns plant of the Grant Smith-Porter Ship company.

He did not actually assist in starting the big vessel nor did he usurp the duty of the sponsor, Miss Winifred Mitchell, in breaking the christening bottle, but he helped with and by his presence in making the first anniversary of the launching of the first government wood ship in the Oregon district an event never to be forgotten by thousands who thronged the big plant.

A year ago Monday the Grant Smith-Porter Ship company sent the hull of the Hough steamer Wasco down the ways and Monday the Aculeo was the 29th to follow suit, though she is one of the Ferris type.

The spirit of the team work that had made such a record possible, which leads all yards in the country, appealed to Mr. Taft and he lauded the men and their principals for what had been accomplished.

Mr. Taft and his party were accompanied to the yard by a committee of well-known Portlanders and at the gate were met by the plant band, the order of the day for which was full uniform. His automobile was escorted to the launching platform and then the musicians boarded the vessel, to slide into the river with her, playing the while.

On the platform were invited guests, and soon after he joined them Mr. Taft was introduced by Eric V. Hauser, general manager of the company, to Elmer O'Callaghan, head rigger at the plant and whose ability to talk to crowds earned him plenty of work during liberty bond campaigns and other events there.

Miss Mitchell, who is a niece of Grant Smith, President of the company, was asked to pose with Mr. Taft for an official picture, and while waiting a short time for the keel blocks to be knocked from beneath the vessel Mr. Taft met others on the platform.

To be Something Big

Construction of the first unit of the largest stadium and livestock pavilion in the United States ultimately to cost half a million dollars will be started within the month by the Pacific-International Livestock exposition, it was announced Saturday by officers of the organization. Lewis Irvine Thompson, the architect, has just completed the plans. Announcement of the site will be made in a few days. The building will be 364 by 928 feet, will house more than 10,000 head of stock and its stadium will seat approximately 8000 persons. The pavilion will be of brick and mill work construction. The first unit will be 400 by 928 feet.

No other building of the kind in this country will come near it in size, and so far as is known, no other nation in the world has one as large. The building will be used exclusively for livestock events and is expected to place Portland second only to Chicago as a livestock center.

There will be no posts in the big arena, which will be 200 by 300 feet, solid truss construction being used. The structure will have the largest wood span trusses of their type in the world. The cattle barns will be lighted by a sawtooth roof, this type of construction insuring an even light at all points and under all conditions.

Provisions have been made to house 10,150 animals in the pavilion. The number is divided as follows: Eight hundred beef cattle, 1000 dairy cattle, 4000 swine, 4000 sheep and 3500 horses. The Pacific-International Livestock exposition is an entirely new organization, its membership being composed exclusively of stock breeders. It has no connection with any similar organization, says its officers.

The exposition will wage a campaign in Oregon outside of Portland the week of February 24 to March 1 to raise \$125,000. A campaign will be conducted in Portland the week of March 10 to 15 to match the first subscriptions dollar for dollar.

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The Tax Dodger

How does Uncle Sam deal with tax-dodgers? This inquiry which was prompted by the severe penalties provided in the new revenue bill, has brought from Commissioner Daniel C. Roper a frank statement as to the Internal Revenue Bureau's attitude toward those who attempt to evade taxation.

"Any person who deliberately conceals tax liability, or who falsifies a return in order to evade or reduce any Internal Revenue tax, or who deliberately abets such concealment or fraud, finds arrayed against him the entire strength of this Bureau pressing for the full civil and criminal penalties. This is the attitude toward the tax-dodger, expressed in one sentence. Whether he is a moonshiner, a stealthy trafficker in habit-forming drugs, or juggler of income figures, a delinquent in making the sworn return the law requires, or a revenue violator of any other kind, the Bureau is charged with the duty of hunting him out and exacting the full punishment provided in the law.

Toward the taxpayer who mean to comply with the Internal Revenue laws, fully and honestly, the Bureau extends a helping hand. Cooperation with the taxpayer is our watch word and objective.

These two contrasts — the teeth of the law for the tax-dodger and the violator, and the aid of every lawful agency for the voluntary taxpayer — are policies necessary to the administration of the tax laws under modern conditions. One of the most difficult of the many problems in tax collecting is to classify those who fail to fulfill the obligations imposed by law. The Bureau is obliged to maintain a large staff and to use the utmost discretion in properly labeling those cases. Evenhanded justice is a heavy responsibility and only through careful sifting can delinquents be classified.

There are three distinct classes of delinquency with which we have to deal. First, the taxpayer who had reasonable cause, brought about by exceptional conditions beyond his control; secondly, the fellow who didn't look up or didn't realize his obligations; and thirdly, the person who willfully evaded compliance with the law.

As for the man who shows a reasonable cause within certain lines established by the Bureau, no penalties are asserted. All other delinquents are more carefully investigated before prosecution is begun. Many of those offenses are caused by ignorance and negligence. Failure to make the reports required by law may in some cases warrant severe penalty, as where the delinquent continues his delinquency after being warned of the penalty for failure to make return. However, if the delinquent takes immediate corrective action, and it is clearly established through investigation that he did not willfully violate the law, the Bureau allows him to compromise his liability to specific penalty by tendering a nominal sum of money. In such instances the money is not really in compromise but assessed to impress the taxpayer against future violations. —MILTON A. MILLER, Collector.

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An Interesting Reunion

A reunion of former Rice County residents, mostly of the vicinity of Bushton, was held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Cook, 1002 Oswego St., Portland, Oregon, February 15, 1919. The entire company had been near neighbors and friends in Rice County many years ago, and some of them had not met for over 20 years. Many old stories were related, even going back to pioneer days on the plains of Kansas. A most interesting feature, and which caused an unlimited amount of laughter, was a collection of pictures on exhibition not one of which was less than 25 years old. Most of the party firmly denied ever having "looked like that."

School groups, singing schools, threshing crews, family groups and single photographs formed the collection. Dinner was served at five o'clock. Those present were: Charles W. Swartz and wife, of Ensign, Alberta Canada; Mrs. Ollie Hauser, Dan Swartz and wife and two sons, of 167 Eleventh St.; Roger M. Cain and wife (nee Enna Welsey) and baby boy of 310 Benton St.; Charles W. Yelding and wife and three sons of 617 E. 13th St. N.; George Baker and wife, Charles L. Holmes and wife (nee Nadine Cook) and four children; Emmett A. Blew and wife (nee Jessie Cook) and three children, S. C. Cook and wife, Arthur Mullin, John Cain, Ralph Tucker and Miss Carrie Tucker, of Portland, Oregon. The Sunflower Club was organized with the following officers: Pres., Mrs. E. A. Blew; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dan Swartz; Sec., Ralph Tucker; Treas., Mrs. G. S. Baker. Semi-annual meetings are to be held in future.

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THE ROYAL TAILORS

High School Notes

The past week at James John was unusually busy, everything from A to Z being on the list.

The Seniors held a class meeting Tuesday morning and received their pins, and class colors which are purple and silver.

On Friday, Doctor Richter, a woman sent out by the government, gave an interesting talk to the mothers and girls of the community.

On Friday evening the seniors held a regular old-time Valentine party in the school gymnasium. A general good time was had by all who attended the gathering. The class play that was decided on, "Mice and Men," will be staged in early April.

The Freshman Reception, one of the big events of each term, will take place next Friday night, the twenty-first of February, and according to the Public Welfare Commissioner, something new is going to be staged, it is hoped.

On Thursday of this week Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Secretary of Child Labor Commission of Oregon, will lecture before the Sociology Class on the subject of Child Labor, following this a debate will be held on "Child Labor." Harlan Hiatt will be chairman of the occasion.

On Friday a debate was held in the Sociology Class on the subject of Immigration. The affirmative debaters were Gordon Avery and Merle Harrington, and the negative, Joyce Mason and Hazel Greene. The class decided in favor of the affirmative by a vote 21 to 11. John Wulf was chairman of the Immigration Session debate.

Thursday was a great day, being the day of the big basketball game between Lincoln and James John. Even though James John was defeated 16 to 20, the close score caused unusual excitement among the followers of the game. Although James John was beaten in the number of points gained, it was not outplayed. The James John Five played exceptionally clean and fast game throughout.

Mr. Boyer, director of vocal music in the schools, received a hearty welcome at the music assembly Thursday morning. His coming perceptibly cheered the students in spite of the gloomy weather. The Freshmen Class showed that they had pep and courage by the exceptionally good parodies they sang at this assembly. Among the best parody was a revised version of "Over There."

The school orchestra has been requested to play at the Washington's Birthday Program. According to Mr. Carruth, the director, the orchestra will render some new music. He urges that all students who play musical instruments, especially trombone and clarinet, join the organization, also that the school would cooperate more, as a whole, with the orchestra than they have been doing of late.

In a one-sided game Tuesday night, James John defeated Washington 44 to 17. The game was very fast on the part of James John. Altho Washington was the favorite of the basketball fans, their team work could not but by any means compare with that of James John. The winning of the game by such a large margin was a surprise to James John. Washington was really expected to put up some kind of a fight but their team seemed divided and lacked the pep and spirit that is always characteristic of James John. This victory will probably put James John well up in the league.

The first Student Body assembly since the "Flu" ban was lifted, was called Tuesday morning. The newly elected president, Harlan Hiatt, made his first appearance in that capacity and presided over the meeting. Rudy Anderson, Public Welfare Commissioner, gave a short pep talk concerning payment of Student Body fees. Mr. Fletcher also talked to the same point and urged the hearty cooperation of all the school in this matter. The students, after discussions by several individuals, passed upon a measure to have copies of the Constitution of James John printed in pamphlet form to be distributed among the students and to be sent to other High Schools upon request. The members of the team gave snappy talks on basketball and urged the students to attend every game possible.

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Asleep at the Post

After a night of frequently interrupted sleep a certain young interne had to come down, still sleepy, to his hospital ward. The first patient was a stout old Irishman. According to the Christian Register, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is the authority for the account of what took place.

"How goes it?" inquired the young doctor.

"Faith, it's me breathin' doctor. Oi can't get me breath at all, at all."

"Why, your pulse is normal. Let me examine the lung action," replied the interne, kneeling beside the cot and laying his head on the ample chest. "Now, let's hear you talk," he continued, closing his eyes and listening.

"What'll Oi be saying, doctor?"

"Oh, say anything! Count one, two, three and up," murmured the interne drowsily.

"Wan, two, three, four, foive, six," began the patient.

When the young doctor, with a start, opened his eyes, the Irishman was counting huskily. "Tin hundred and sixty-nine, tin hundred and sixty-nine, tin hundred and sixty-nine, tin hundred and sixty-nine" — Ex.

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